

U.S. Imports of Planting Seed

for JULY-SEPTEMBER (July is the first month of the July-June marketing year)

MARKETING YEARS	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	'98/99 vs '97/98	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	'98/99 vs '97/98
	metric tons			% change	\$U.S. in thousands			% change
ALL SEEDS	33,706	30,332	28,227	-6.9%	\$61,997	\$65,509	\$65,993	0.7%
BY KIND								
Grasses	8,852	9,331	7,023	-24.7%	\$9,547	\$11,369	\$8,093	-28.8%
Wheatgrass	530	674	585	-13.2%	\$867	\$2,128	\$1,748	-17.9%
Perennial Ryegrass	1,085	465	1,888	306.0%	\$1,329	\$589	\$1,737	194.9%
Red Fescue	4,951	5,716	1,118	-80.4%	\$5,380	\$5,787	\$1,209	-79.1%
Unhulled Bermudagrass	294	384	1,155	200.8%	\$98	\$669	\$670	0.1%
Timothy	1,087	1,309	902	-31.1%	\$469	\$618	\$497	-19.6%
Other Forages	1,564	2,983	3,188	6.9%	\$2,756	\$5,056	\$5,124	1.3%
Uncertified Alfalfa	464	622	640	2.9%	\$1,103	\$1,609	\$1,900	18.1%
White & Ladino Clover	259	323	371	14.9%	\$570	\$844	\$595	-29.5%
Pulses	14,501	12,067	11,501	-4.7%	\$7,354	\$5,619	\$5,063	-9.9%
Other Bean	3,131	2,923	3,553	21.6%	\$1,653	\$1,180	\$1,465	24.2%
Pea	5,726	4,747	3,285	-30.8%	\$1,861	\$1,577	\$1,122	-28.9%
Gram Bean	2,886	1,991	1,167	-41.4%	\$2,106	\$1,625	\$862	-47.0%
Small Red Bean	385	203	456	124.6%	\$217	\$154	\$336	118.2%
Lentil	601	1,263	913	-27.7%	\$272	\$444	\$301	-32.2%
Navy Bean	785	244	800	227.9%	\$382	\$105	\$278	164.8%
Vegetables	1,798	2,462	2,483	0.9%	\$19,477	\$26,211	\$28,478	8.6%
Tomato	41	64	105	64.1%	\$3,718	\$4,732	\$6,767	43.0%
Pepper	26	139	47	-66.2%	\$2,472	\$3,653	\$5,152	41.0%
Watermelon	57	29	25	-13.8%	\$1,976	\$2,134	\$2,124	-0.5%
Cucumber	14	24	57	137.5%	\$1,286	\$1,980	\$1,984	0.2%
Pumpkin	505	881	651	-26.1%	\$1,192	\$2,236	\$1,755	-21.5%
Squash	13	102	71	-30.4%	\$450	\$1,079	\$1,492	38.3%
Cantaloupe	21	53	49	-7.5%	\$1,698	\$2,054	\$1,476	-28.1%
Other Melons	34	61	25	-59.0%	\$371	\$1,258	\$1,334	6.0%
Carrot	22	53	82	54.7%	\$194	\$711	\$1,135	59.6%
Onion	27	50	54	8.0%	\$1,038	\$866	\$971	12.1%
Cauliflower	9	26	10	-61.5%	\$623	\$1,558	\$800	-48.7%
Broccoli	8	8	9	12.5%	\$289	\$891	\$678	-23.9%
Field Crops	6,761	2,794	3,823	36.8%	\$4,985	\$1,224	\$2,868	134.3%
Field Corn	2,896	714	1,113	55.9%	\$3,905	\$703	\$2,074	195.0%
Non-durum Wheat	2,944	1,066	1,571	47.4%	\$689	\$210	\$300	42.9%
Cotton	0	0	41	NA	\$0	\$0	\$242	NA
Oat	221	520	709	36.3%	\$54	\$107	\$115	7.5%
Soybean	80	144	348	141.7%	\$85	\$63	\$94	49.2%
Miscellaneous Kinds	230	695	210	-69.8%	\$17,878	\$16,030	\$16,368	2.1%
Flower	95	94	99	5.3%	\$15,806	\$13,784	\$14,496	5.2%
Tree and Shrub	45	34	48	41.2%	\$946	\$891	\$129	-85.5%
Sugar Beet	5	505	30	-94.1%	\$142	\$347	\$45	-87.0%
BY REGION								
North America	24,615	22,530	18,775	-16.67%	\$19,598	\$24,416	\$17,747	-27.3%
European Union	496	1,011	873	-13.65%	\$13,176	\$11,952	\$12,653	5.9%
South America	3,658	939	1,647	75.4%	\$9,331	\$5,478	\$10,540	92.4%
Other Asia ¹	1,340	1,496	1,290	-13.8%	\$7,767	\$9,030	\$8,591	-4.9%
Oceania	2,016	2,185	3,387	55.0%	\$3,876	\$4,734	\$5,771	21.9%
Middle East	76	84	57	-32.1%	\$1,341	\$2,207	\$3,412	54.6%
BY COUNTRY								
Canada	24,016	21,654	17,309	-20.1%	\$14,898	\$15,343	\$11,634	-24.2%
Chile	3,061	464	292	-37.1%	\$8,435	\$4,374	\$8,067	84.4%
Netherlands	175	244	246	0.8%	\$6,286	\$6,102	\$6,262	2.6%
Mexico	599	876	1,467	67.5%	\$4,701	\$9,073	\$6,113	-32.6%
China	1,250	1,296	1,177	-9.2%	\$2,880	\$4,531	\$4,252	-6.2%
Israel	44	24	29	20.8%	\$1,286	\$1,863	\$3,369	80.8%
Australia	918	1,227	1,482	20.8%	\$2,071	\$2,588	\$3,358	29.8%
Japan	30	166	16	-90.4%	\$4,387	\$3,731	\$3,327	-10.8%
India	715	976	1,776	82.0%	\$1,725	\$2,005	\$2,709	35.1%
New Zealand	1,098	958	1,905	98.9%	\$1,800	\$2,146	\$2,413	12.4%
Argentina	50	408	1,185	190.4%	\$70	\$808	\$2,270	180.9%
Denmark	114	5	212	4140.0%	\$1,326	\$996	\$2,025	103.3%
Guatemala	12	8	1	-87.5%	\$1,449	\$1,436	\$1,829	27.4%
Germany	53	74	48	-35.1%	\$1,495	\$1,398	\$1,377	-1.5%
Thailand	247	102	154	-37.0%	\$1,320	\$1,127	\$1,147	1.8%
France	10	137	64	-53.3%	\$1,007	\$1,425	\$1,060	-25.6%
United Kingdom	31	52	12	-76.9%	\$2,049	\$1,017	\$835	-17.9%
Italy	108	121	189	56.2%	\$826	\$712	\$705	-1.0%
Taiwan	22	11	24	118.2%	\$281	\$456	\$662	45.2%
Vietnam	4	19	3	-84.2%	\$336	\$488	\$477	-2.3%

¹ Other Asia region includes China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macau, and Taiwan.

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